

5/7 to 5/13 – FEDERAL COURT ACTIVITY

United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Indiana

Hammond, Indiana - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Rosetta Buchanan, 36, of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 41 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts one through four of an indictment charging her with fraud with identification documents. This case was the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Collins.

Francesca Foster, 33, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 41 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts one through four of an indictment charging her with fraud with identification documents. This case was the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Collins.

Ryan Ross, 23, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to counts one and two of an indictment charging him with stealing a firearm from a licensed dealer, and use of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence. Sentencing has been set for 7/26/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Gary Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Nozick.

Jamelle McBride, 23, of Calumet City, Illinois, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 36 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to counts one and three of a superseding indictment charging him with fraud with identification documents and bank fraud. McBride was ordered to pay \$10,626.28 in restitution to the victims. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Secret Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Philip Benson.

John Sellers III, 20, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sellers was previously convicted of dealing in a sawed-off shotgun in 2009, and possession of cocaine in 2010. Sentencing has been set for 7/25/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives HIDTA Task Force, and the Lake County Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

Darrel Newman, 30, of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced by Senior Judge James Moody to 33 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas Padilla.

Kenyatta Hope, 36, of Gary, Indiana, pled guilty before Senior Judge James Moody to count one of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

David Johnson, 27, of East Chicago, Indiana, pled guilty before Judge Joseph Van Bokkelen to counts four, five, seven and ten of a second superseding indictment charging him with distribution of crack cocaine in the case US v

Webb et al. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the East Chicago Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua Kolar.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

South Bend, IN - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Thomas Coffin, 32, of Plymouth, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count one of an indictment charging him with manufacture of methamphetamine. Sentencing has been set for 8/4/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Samuel Merriweather, 36, of South Bend, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count two of an indictment charging him with unlawful transport of firearms. Sentencing has been set for 8/10/11. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

Denis Vilchez, 34, of South Bend, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 77 months imprisonment and 2 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with reentry of a deported alien. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Lisa Elie, 43, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Robert Miller, Jr. to 2 years of probation after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging her with theft of government funds. Elie was ordered to pay \$6,938.00 in restitution to the Social Security Administration. This case was the result of an investigation by the Social Security Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Maciejczyk.

Garrett Weber, 31, of Bristol, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Jon DeGuilio to 1 day - time served imprisonment, 15 months of home detention, and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an Information charging him with bank fraud. Weber was ordered to pay restitution of \$8,651.27. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Bruce A. Davis, 19, of Goshen, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Christopher Neuchterlein to count two of an indictment charging him with receipt and possession of stolen firearms. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald Schmid.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Fort Wayne, IN - The United States Attorney's Office announced:

Darol Floyd, 47, of Hartford City, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 24 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to count one of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Indiana State Police, the JEAN Task

Force, the Blackford County Sheriff's Office, the Grant County Sheriff's Office, and the Marion Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Geller.

Derek Davenport, 25, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to counts one through eight of an indictment charging him with possession with the intent to distribute marijuana, carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Davenport was previously convicted of burglary in 2003, and child molesting in 2006. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Trgovich .

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.